GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Inclusive Growth in Agriculture Sector
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public spending on agriculture sector including Research and Development (R&D) is on the decline;

(b) if so, the details of spending in the country vis-Ã -vis Brazil and other developed countries and the steps taken to step up public investment in the sector;

(c) whether the Government has recently set ambitious targets to achieve higher growth rate in agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of investment required and the steps taken to achieve the targets; and

(d) the details of special schemes/farmers friendly policies formulated by the Government for inclusive/sustainable growth in agriculture and allied sectors in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 146 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/03/2016 REGARDING "INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR"

(a) Public Spending on agriculture including Research and Development includes spending by the states and the central government. In view of the enhanced devolution of funds to States as per the 14th Finance Commission recommendations, though there is marginal decline in budgetary allocation by the Central Government during 2015-16 as compared to previous years, the states have compensated by undertaking extra spending in agriculture, but during the year 2016-17, there has been an increase in budgetary allocation in comparison to 2015-16. The Details of allocations of departments of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers welfare are given in Annexure-I.

(b) The pattern of public R&D spending in agriculture sector in India vis-Ã -vis Brazil and other developing/ developed countries reveals that India is spending around 0.40% of agricultural GDP as compared to Brazil which is around 1.80% and China which is around 0.50%. The details of public spending by other developed countries and steps taken to increase the public investment in the agriculture sector by the Ministry are given in Annexure-II.

(c) As per the 12th FYP projections made by the Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog), a growth rate target of 4% was set for the agriculture sector of the country. In this endeavor, the Govt. has substantially enhanced plan outlays of the agriculture sector (Dept. of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries and Dept. of Agricultural Research and Education). The aggregate outlay for this sector during 11th Five Year Plan was Rs. 54,996 crore which was enhanced to Rs. 1,11,232 crore during 12th Five Year Plan which reflects an enhancement of 102.25%, the details of which are given in Annexure-III.

(d) The various schemes/ farmer friendly policies for inclusive/ sustainable growth in Agriculture (Dept. of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries and Dept. of Agricultural Research and Education) in the country are given in Annexure-IV.

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